

From: [Thomas A. Lang, Esquire - Comcast](#)
To: [Geist, Laura \(DHHS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Real Alternatives Michigan Preg and Parenting Support Svcs Program Expenses for May 2017
Date: Thursday, October 5, 2017 6:02:58 PM

You're correct. That's no longer applicable since state money is now not involved.

However, the 15% Admin Cost Ratio maximum still applies since it is funded with TANF money, correct?

On 10/5/17, 2:51 PM, "Geist, Laura (DHHS)" <GeistL1@michigan.gov> wrote:

>Tom,
>
>MDHHS does not have a 10% administrative cost maximum in our agreement.
>We have a 10% indirect expense maximum. If your agency can directly
>account for the expenditures, then you can include those administrative
>costs as direct expenditures.
>
>Maybe we need to have a phone conversation about this. Is there a good
>time we could speak? I have a meeting today from 3 - 4, but I am
>available after and most of tomorrow.

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>Laura
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>Laura Geist
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>-----Original Message-----

>From: Thomas A. Lang, Esquire - Comcast
>[<mailto:ra-operations@comcast.net>]
>Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2017 1:07 PM
>To: Geist, Laura (DHHS) <GeistL1@michigan.gov>
>Cc: Clifford W. McKeown <ra-finance@comcast.net>
>Subject: Re: Real Alternatives Michigan Preg and Parenting Support Svcs
>Program Expenses for May 2017
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>Yes, because under the contract we have a 10% Administrative Cost Ratio
>maximum. We need to be able to show that in the budget. Always works
>this way in every state.
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>On 10/5/17, 12:58 PM, "Geist, Laura (DHHS)" <GeistL1@michigan.gov> wrote:

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>>Tom,
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>>MDHHS makes no distinction between direct expenses. Whether those
>>expenses are administrative or service delivery, all direct expenses
>>should be included within the budget details.
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>>The form that MDHHS uses allows your agency to reflect all direct

>>expenses that are applicable to this grant program.
>>
>>I understand what you are saying about how you have done things in the
>>past. However, this is not something that we would normally include in
>>a grant. Can you help me understand why your agency feels it is
>>important to note which expenses are administrative in nature?
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>>Thank you,
>>Laura
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>>-----Original Message-----
>>From: Thomas A. Lang, Esquire - Comcast
>>[mailto:ra-operations@comcast.net]
>>Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2017 12:37 PM
>>To: Geist, Laura (DHHS) <GeistL1@michigan.gov>
>>Cc: Clifford W. McKeown <ra-finance@comcast.net>
>>Subject: Re: Real Alternatives Michigan Preg and Parenting Support Svcs
>>Program Expenses for May 2017
>>Importance: High
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>>Laura -
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>>Kevin, Cliff and I met to discuss this problem. We had the identical
>>issue at the outset of the last contract. We worked this out then and
>>it was agreed that we could use the format that we recently also
>>submitted to you, for the following very important reason.
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>>If we use the form that you propose, there is no breakdown between
>>Admin and Services. If you just go through and try to figure which
>>could be Admin and which could be Services, we would be instantly
>>breaching the contract as the Admin Cost Ratio would look like it's
>>27.61%, even though that doesn't reflect reality!
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>>If the form you propose is the only one that can be used, we would need
>>to have the ability to have one set titled, "DIRECT EXPENSES - ADMIN"
>>and one set titled, "DIRECT EXPENSES - SERVICES". Is that possible?
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>>Thank you!
>>Tom
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>>On 10/4/17, 5:20 PM, "Geist, Laura (DHHS)" <GeistL1@michigan.gov> wrote:
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>>>Hi Tom and Cliff,
>>>
>>>There are items in your proposed budget that do not belong in the
>>>Contractual category. Contractual is intended for agencies and
>>>individuals that work on the programmatic scope of the project. The
>>>legal consultant, database consultant, accounting, and equipment costs
>>>all belong in the Other Expenses category.
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>>>I have updated the budget in EGrAMS. Please review and let me know if
>>>you have any issues.

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>>>Thank you,
>>>Laura
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>>>-----Original Message-----
>>>From: Thomas A. Lang, Esquire - Comcast
>>>[mailto:ra-operations@comcast.net]
>>>Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2017 3:18 PM
>>>To: Geist, Laura (DHHS) <GeistL1@michigan.gov>
>>>Cc: Cliff <ra-finance@comcast.net>
>>>Subject: Re: Real Alternatives Michigan Preg and Parenting Support
>>>Svcs Program Expenses for May 2017
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>>>Laura -
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>>>Cliff completed the budget and I am attaching it here for your review.
>>>I am forwarding it since Cliff's email's are apparently being blocked
>>>or redirected to a spam folder for some reason.
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>>>If you have any questions on the budget, please contact Cliff directly
>>>at:
>>>(717) 541-7833.
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>>>Thank you!
>>>Tom
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>>>On 10/2/17, 8:49 AM, "Geist, Laura (DHHS)" <GeistL1@michigan.gov> wrote:
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>>>>Hi Cliff,
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>>>>The attached Excel document should assist you in completing the
>>>>detailed budget.
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>>>>Thank you,
>>>>Laura
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>>>>-----Original Message-----
>>>>From: Thomas Lang [mailto:ra-operations@comcast.net]
>>>>Sent: Friday, September 29, 2017 5:25 PM
>>>>To: Cliff <ra-finance@comcast.net>
>>>>Cc: Geist, Laura (DHHS) <GeistL1@michigan.gov>
>>>>Subject: Re: Real Alternatives Michigan Preg and Parenting Support
>>>>Svcs Program Expenses for May 2017
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>>>>Here's what it said, ³Ms. Geist,
>>>>Would you be able to send us a template that we can fill in ourselves
>>>>of the form you sent us earlier today, the form ³Budget Detail for

>>>>Pregnancy and Parenting Support Services Program 2018²?

>>>>Thanks.

>>>>Cliff²

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>>>>Tom

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>>>>Sent from my iPhone

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>>>>> On Sep 29, 2017, at 2:48 PM, Cliff <ra-finance@comcast.net> wrote:

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>>>>> Ms. Geist,

>>>>> Would you be able to send us a template that we can fill in

>>>>>ourselves of the form you sent us earlier today, the form ³Budget

>>>>>Detail for Pregnancy and Parenting Support Services Program 2018²?

>>>>> Thanks.

>>>>> Cliff

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